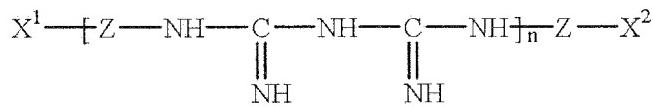


**Amendments to the Claims:**

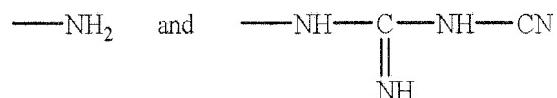
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Original) An ophthalmic solution comprising:  
0.01 to about 1.0 percent by weight L-histidine;  
0.0001 to 0.01 percent by weight hydrogen peroxide; and  
0.1 to 500 parts per million of a cationic polymeric preservative.
2. (Original) A method for supplying a rinsing solution to an eye comprising the step of:  
Contacting an eye with a solution comprising:  
0.01 to about 1.0 percent by weight L-histidine;  
0.0001 to 0.01 percent by weight hydrogen peroxide; and  
0.1 to 500 parts per million of a cationic polymeric preservative
3. (New) The ophthalmic solution of claim 1 further comprising a surface-active agent.
4. (New) The ophthalmic solution of claim 3, wherein said surface-active agent is a hydroxy-ethoxylated castor oil.
5. (New) The ophthalmic solution of claim 1, wherein said cationic polymeric preservative is a polymeric biguanide.
6. (New) The ophthalmic solution of claim 1, wherein said cationic polymeric preservative is represented by the following formula:



wherein Z is an organic divalent bridging group, n is from 1 to 500, and X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> are:



7. (New) The ophthalmic solution of claim 6, wherein said cationic polymeric preservative has a number average molecular weight of at least 1,000.
8. (New) The ophthalmic solution of claim 1 further comprising about 0.00001 to about 0.5 weight percent of a germicidal agent.
9. (New) The ophthalmic solution of claim 1 having a pH between 6.0 and 8.0.
10. (New) The ophthalmic solution of claim 1 having a pH between 6.5 and 7.8.
11. (New) The ophthalmic solution of claim 1 further comprising 0.05 to 2.5 weight percent of a buffer.
12. (New) The ophthalmic solution of claim 11, wherein said buffer is selected from the group consisting of boric acid, sodium borate, potassium citrate, citric acid, sodium bicarbonate, bis-tris propane, TRIS, mixed phosphate buffers and mixtures thereof.
13. (New) The ophthalmic solution of claim 1 further comprising a tonicity agent.
14. (New) The ophthalmic solution of claim 1 further comprising a chelating agent selected from the group consisting of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, nitrilotriacetic acid, diethylenetriamine pentaacetic acid, hydroxyethylenediaminetriacetic acid, 1,2-diaminocyclohexanetetraacetic acid, ethylene glycol bis (beta-aminoethyl ether) in N, N, N', N' tetraacetic acid (EGTA), aminodiacetic acid, hydroxyethylamino diacetic acid, salts of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid and disodium edetate.
15. (New) The ophthalmic solution of claim 1 having a tonicity between 240 and 310 mOsm/kg.

16. (New) The ophthalmic solution of claim 1 further comprising between 0.01 and 0.35 weight percent sodium chloride.
17. (New) The ophthalmic solution of claim 1 further comprising between 0.01 to about 15 weight percent of a surfactant.
18. (New) The method for supplying a rinsing solution of claim 2, wherein said solution has a pH between 6.5 and 7.8
19. (New) The method for supplying a rinsing solution of claim 2, wherein said cationic polymeric preservative is a polymeric biguanide.
20. (New) The method for supplying a rinsing solution of claim 2, wherein said solution further comprises between 0.01 and 0.35 weight percent sodium chloride.